

optionally serving as graft basis.

33. (New) Absorbent insert according to Claim 32, wherein said unsaturated monomer containing an acid group is selected from the group consisting of an acrylic acid, a methacrylic acid, vinylacetic acid, vinyl sulfonic acid, (meth)allylsulfonic acid, maleic acid, 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid and a mixture thereof.

34. (New) A method of packaging foodstuff, comprising:
packaging a foodstuff in a package capturing the absorbent insert for a package, comprising a top and a bottom covering layer and a core which absorbs an aqueous liquid and includes an absorbent polymer;

wherein the absorbent polymer has a quotient $Q_{SAP\ 0,3}$ calculated from retention and absorption under a pressure of 0,3 psi (21 g/cm²) and from the amount of soluble ratio of at least 20 and a retention of at least 22 g/g.

35. (New) A method of making an ice for a packaging application, comprising:

(a) providing an absorbent insert for a packaging, comprising a top and a bottom covering layer and a core which absorbs an aqueous liquid and includes an absorbent polymer, wherein the absorbent polymer has a quotient $Q_{SAP\ 0,3}$ calculated from retention and absorption under a pressure of 0,3 psi (21 g/cm²) and from the amount of soluble ratio of at least 20 and a retention of at least 22 g/g;

(b) soaking said absorbent insert in water, thereby obtaining a soaked insert; and

(c) freezing the soaked insert.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 have been canceled in favor of new Claims 22-35.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and

favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 22-35 will now be active in this application.

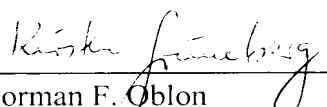
Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

Claims 22-35 (New).